

Having thus described the invention,

What is claimed is:

1. A book manufacturing system comprising:

computer means for storing and selectively retrieving data corresponding to the text of and information concerning a plurality of books;

selection means in communication with said computer means for selectively retrieving and reviewing stored data corresponding to information concerning each of such books; and

printer means for printing on paper pages the text of a selected one of said books upon a signal from said selection means and command from said computer means.

2. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 1 and further comprising:

finishing means for automatically binding said paper pages together to form a selected one of said books.

3. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 2 wherein:

said finishing means includes paper cutting means for cutting of said paper pages to a selected size corresponding to a preprogrammed command from said computer means.

4. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 2 wherein:

said finishing means includes a jogger means for properly aligning said paper pages, cutting means for cutting of

said paper pages, and binding means for binding said pages into a book.

5. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 1 wherein:

said computer means stores and selectively retrieves data corresponding to the color graphics of the covers of said plurality of books, and

color printer/plotter means for reproducing the cover graphics of said selected one of said books on suitable cover material upon a signal from said selection means and command from said computer means.

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6. A book manufacturing system as specified in Claim 5 wherein there is included:

finishing means for automatically binding said paper pages together with said cover therearound to form said selected one of said books.

7. A book manufacturing system as specified in Claim 6 wherein:

said selection means is a computer display terminal having a touch sensor screen means for relaying commands to said computer means.

8. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 6 wherein:

said computer means includes a credit card reader means in communication with the public telephone network for

automatically reading information on a credit card, obtaining approval to charge such credit card and charging such credit card for the purchase of a selected one of said books.

9. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 1 wherein:

said computer means includes control console means for commanding said computer means to modify the stored data in order to add or delete the text of a selected book.

Sub 23 10. A book manufacturing system as specified in claim 9 wherein :

100 Ks and below basis said control console means includes a computer display terminal having a touch sensor screen means for relaying commands to said computer means, and

said computer means being connected to the public telephone network for receiving data corresponding to additional texts of books into the memory thereof.

11. A book manufacturing system comprising:

computer memory means for storing data corresponding to the text a plurality of books, the cover graphics of such books and descriptive information relating to such books,

selection means for retrieving selected portions of such data and for reviewing such information,

computer command means for retrieving data corresponding to the text and cover graphics of a selected one of such

plurality of books in response to a signal from said selection means,

printing means for automatically printing the text of such selected one of such books in response to receipt of such retrieved text data,

plotting means for automatically reproducing the cover graphics of such selected one of such books in response to receipt of such retrieved cover graphics data, and

finishing means for binding such text and such cover graphics together.

12. A method of high speed manufacture of a single copy of a book comprising the steps of:

storing the text of a plurality of books in a computer, selecting a selected one of said books to be manufactured,

commanding a computer to print the text of such selected one of said books,

printing the text of such selected one of said books on paper pages, and

binding said paper pages together.

13. A method of high speed manufacture of a single copy of a book as specified in claim 12 and comprising the additional steps of:

storing graphical information corresponding to the cover of each of said books,

commanding a computer to reproduce said graphical information on a book cover, and

binding said paper pages together with said cover therearound to form said selected one of said books.

Sub-44 14. A method of high speed manufacture of a single copy of a book comprising the steps of:

storing the text of a plurality of books in a computer, storing sales information relating to said plurality of books in a computer,

providing means for a customer to scan said sales information,

commanding a computer to print the text of a selected one of said books in response to a customer's selection,

retrieving the text of said selected one of said books from a computer,

printing the text of said selected one of said books on paper pages, and

binding said paper pages together to form said selected one of said books.

15. A method of high speed manufacture of a single copy of a book as specified in claim 14 and comprising the additional steps of:

storing graphical information corresponding to the cover of each of said books,

commanding a computer to reproduce said graphical information on a book cover, and

binding said paper pages together with said cover therearound.